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Texas Unemployment Rate Holds Steady at 4.1 Percent *Texas Employers Add 8,300 Jobs in June*

AUSTIN — The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent, unchanged from May, its lowest point since the current series began in 1976. The unemployment rate is down from 4.9 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 8,300 jobs in June. Texas employers now have added 213,500 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2.1 percent.

“This remarkably low unemployment rate reflects the strength of the Texas economy,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. “Workers have abundant opportunities as Texas employers continue to expand.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo MSA was second at 3.7 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Odessa MSAs, both at 3.8 percent.

Employment in Leisure & Hospitality led the gains this month with an increase of 3,800 jobs for a total of 37,100 since June 2006, a 3.9 percent annual growth rate. Construction continued to surge forward with 3,400 jobs added in June, for a total of 20,900 jobs over the year, an annual growth rate of 3.4 percent.

“As I travel across the state, employer confidence is high,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. “We have recorded job growth in 10 of 11 industry sectors over the past year, with only Information showing a slight decline of less than one percent.”

Financial Activities gained 1,100 jobs in June, contributing to an annual job growth of 10,900. Mining continues to maintain the highest annual job growth rate at 9.2 percent, adding 600 jobs during the month.

“With job growth comes opportunities for Texas workers to expand skills sets and advance their careers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “This opens up positions for entry-level workers, creating a larger, stronger Texas workforce.”

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)

	<i>June 2007</i>				<i>May 2007</i>				<i>June 2006</i>			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	154,252.0	146,958.0	7,295.0	4.7	152,350.0	145,864.0	6,486.0	4.3	152,557.0	145,216.0	7,341.0	4.8
State of Texas	11,617.7	11,085.3	532.4	4.6	11,491.3	11,048.2	443.1	3.9	11,564.1	10,930.7	633.4	5.5
Abilene	82.6	79.3	3.3	4.0	81.7	79.1	2.6	3.2	83.5	79.5	4.0	4.8
Amarillo	130.8	126.0	4.8	3.7	130.0	126.0	4.0	3.0	131.7	126.0	5.7	4.3
Austin-Round Rock	848.0	815.7	32.3	3.8	840.4	813.7	26.7	3.2	832.7	794.1	38.6	4.6
Beaumont-Port Arthur	182.1	172.0	10.1	5.6	180.5	171.9	8.6	4.8	181.7	169.7	12.0	6.6
Brownsville-Harlingen	145.2	135.8	9.4	6.5	142.7	135.1	7.6	5.3	147.2	136.3	10.9	7.4
College Station-Bryan	100.3	95.9	4.4	4.4	104.3	101.0	3.3	3.1	101.5	96.4	5.1	5.0
Corpus Christi	203.0	193.4	9.6	4.7	200.6	192.7	7.9	4.0	202.4	191.0	11.4	5.6
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,153.1	3,013.8	139.3	4.4	3,119.0	3,000.3	118.7	3.8	3,122.8	2,958.9	163.9	5.2
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,115.0	2,021.6	93.4	4.4	2,093.4	2,013.9	79.5	3.8	2,095.5	1,985.2	110.3	5.3
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,038.1	992.2	45.9	4.4	1,025.5	986.4	39.1	3.8	1,027.3	973.7	53.6	5.2
El Paso	294.2	275.9	18.3	6.2	291.9	276.2	15.7	5.4	294.4	272.5	21.9	7.4
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,743.2	2,621.7	121.5	4.4	2,709.8	2,607.5	102.3	3.8	2,710.1	2,562.3	147.8	5.5
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	151.4	143.7	7.7	5.1	150.1	143.8	6.3	4.2	154.3	145.3	9.0	5.9
Laredo	90.3	85.5	4.8	5.3	89.5	85.8	3.7	4.2	89.1	83.4	5.7	6.4
Longview	104.4	99.8	4.6	4.4	103.2	99.4	3.8	3.7	104.8	99.4	5.4	5.1
Lubbock	145.1	139.2	5.9	4.1	144.4	140.0	4.4	3.1	142.7	135.7	7.0	4.9
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	273.4	254.6	18.8	6.9	267.8	252.5	15.3	5.7	271.7	250.0	21.7	8.0
Midland	72.3	70.0	2.3	3.2	71.6	69.7	1.9	2.6	71.0	68.2	2.8	3.9
Odessa	67.8	65.2	2.6	3.8	67.3	65.3	2.0	3.0	66.3	63.3	3.0	4.5
San Angelo	54.0	51.8	2.2	4.0	53.5	51.8	1.7	3.3	55.2	52.5	2.7	4.9
San Antonio	941.1	899.6	41.5	4.4	929.0	896.0	33.0	3.6	938.1	888.6	49.5	5.3
Sherman-Denison	57.9	55.2	2.7	4.6	57.5	55.2	2.3	4.0	57.8	54.7	3.1	5.4
Texarkana	63.2	60.1	3.1	4.9	62.8	60.0	2.8	4.5	64.1	60.5	3.6	5.6
Tyler	97.7	93.4	4.3	4.4	96.7	93.1	3.6	3.7	98.4	93.4	5.0	5.1
Victoria	58.6	56.3	2.3	4.0	58.1	56.2	1.9	3.3	58.8	56.0	2.8	4.8
Waco	113.7	108.2	5.5	4.8	112.0	107.8	4.2	3.8	114.0	107.5	6.5	5.7
Wichita Falls	76.0	72.7	3.3	4.4	75.6	72.9	2.7	3.5	77.0	73.1	3.9	5.0

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